

**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**September 5, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Those attending:**

**Commissioners:** Don Elsbernd, Mike O'Hare, and Brady Kruger

**Staff:** Ben Cottrell, and Brianne Wild

**Meeting called to order.**

**Adopt Agenda.**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by O'Hare and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Minutes from August**

A motion to approve the minutes from August was made by O'Hare and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

**\$249.00- MNL Kernza Seed**

**\$261.80- Waukon Feed Ranch Kernza spraying**

**\$75.00- H&R Block July Payroll**

A motion to approve the bills for Kernza seed and spraying only and to wait until we receive a corrected bill from H&R Block was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Claire CDI**

Claire reported her grant for her position was extended for another year so she will be able to keep checking in until next September. Claire discussed with the commissioners about any goals that we have met or what we are continuing to work on.

**B. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Cottrell**

We are coming to a close on our fiscal year at the end of the month. We are wrapping up contracting and we did get 2 last minute contracts to get approved. All CSPs are done. We have finished the 2023 CRP Reviews and letters have been sent to all of the landowners. We have a few people interested in some pond sites that Ben will be visiting with.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Bank Interest Rates**

Brianne checked into the different interest rates for the regular account and for the money market compared to what we currently have and so far WSB has been the best deal.

#### **B. Gator Tire tubes - \$24/ tire need 2 front tire tubes from Village Farm and Home**

A motion to approve getting new tubes for the front tire of the gator was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **C. RCPP Reimbursment-\$1,417.08**

A motion to approve the reimbursement request was made by Kruger and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **A. Kernza Grant IDALS**

- a. Sprayed August 30<sup>th</sup> by Waukon Feed Ranch
- b. Seeding- hopefully this week!

#### **B. CDI Conference Update**

Don Reported on the CDI conference and went through all of the resolutions to say if they passed or failed. Alain Gebel accepted her scholarship award and also gave a speech. Don is now the Vice President of CDI!

### **Assistance Request**

Yellow River Ranch-Cover Crop-583.5 ac Estimated Cost-\$35,010.00 Cost-Share-\$17,505.00

A motion to approve the assistance requests was made by O'Hare and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Completed Projects**

Brian Houlihan- Tree Planting- Eligible Cost-\$13,787.50 Cost-Share-\$4,200.00

A motion to approve the completed projects was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

Misc.

Next Meeting Date October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

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Donald Elsbernd, Chairman

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Brianne Wild, CA